



Cass County Interagency Group

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Cass County Interagency Group is made up of Cass County agencies, businesses, and individuals who have made it their goal to improve the lives of Cass County residents by increasing access to valuable resources and creating new opportunities for the public through collaboration.

Upcoming Events

Cass County Health Department Drive-Thru Flu Clinics

Please bring insurance card, cash, or check. Regular dose \$48, High Dose \$92.

Beardstown

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Virginia

Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Arenzville

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Chandlerville

Monday, October 2, 2023 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Ashland

Monday, October 2, 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

CASA Fundraiser

October 13, 2023. Please contact your local CASA chapter for details.

Cass County CPR Course

Saturday, October 21, 2023 will be the last CPR course for the year! Please reach out to Louise Yale if interested. (217) 452-3057 x1321

Cass County Community Closet

Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cass County Community Closet in Virginia is open every 3rd Saturday monthly, or by appointment. Call (217) 452-3057 for more info about making an appointment.

Marketplace Open Enrollment Period

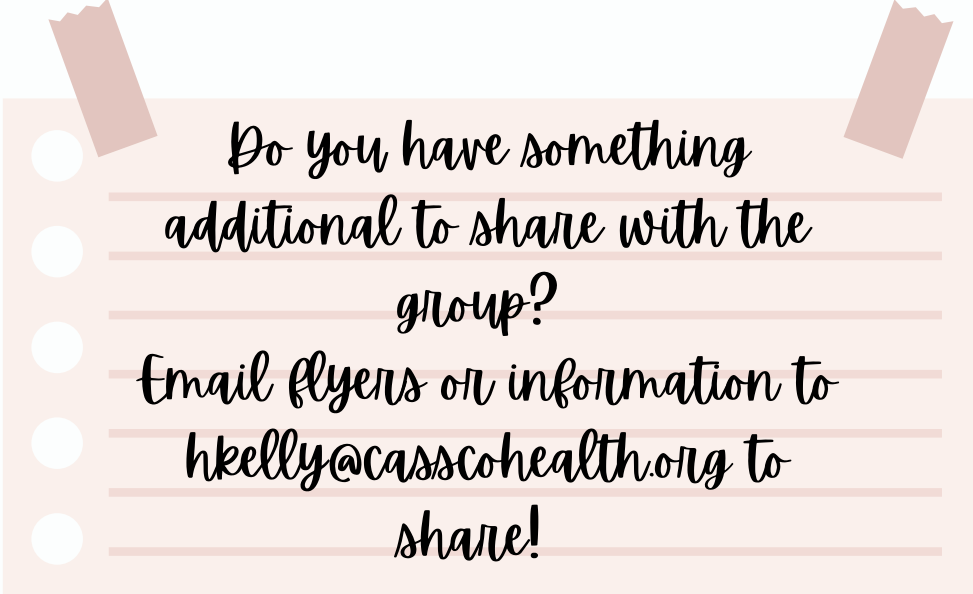
- November 1: Open Enrollment starts for health coverage for the next plan year — first day you can enroll in, re-enroll in, or change health plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace®. Coverage can start as soon as January 1.
- December 15: Last day to enroll in or change plans for coverage to start January 1.
- January 1: Coverage starts for those who enroll in or change plans by December 15 and pay their first premium.
- January 15: Open Enrollment ends — last day to enroll in or change health plans for the year. After this date, you can enroll in or change plans only if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period
- February 1: Coverage starts for those who enroll in or change plans December 16 through January 15 and pay their first premium.

AgeLinc Annual Fundraiser

February 17, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL

There is plenty of time to plan to join in the fun! Call (217) 787-9234 for info.

A big thank you to the Birth to Five Illinois Region 1 team for the presentation! We are grateful for the work you all put into the regional needs assessment. If you would like to access the needs assessment, click [here](#).



Do you have something
additional to share with the
group?

Email flyers or information to
hkelly@casscohealth.org to
share!

Announcements

- Cass County Health Department has at home COVID-19 tests for anyone that needs them.
- Families may be eligible for Child Care Assistance - visit www.wcccc.com or call 217-222-2550 for NEW and UPDATED CCCC information!
- Cass County Health Department has FREE Narcan available– no questions asked.
- Rental assistance funds are still unavailable at this time. Call Jeremy at MCS for updates and additional info. (217) 243-9404
- LIHEAP info:
 - October 2- for Seniors 60+, disabled people, and households with children 5 and under.
 - November- for those with a disconnect notice or those that have already been disconnected.
 - December- for all others needing assistance.
 - If you are unable to get through to anyone on the first try, please keep calling. This will be a very busy time, but if you keep calling you will get through to someone.
- Safe Haven Hospice is actively seeking referrals and volunteers. They can offer grief counseling in a group setting, or one on one. Please call (855) 879-4096 for information.
- AgeLinc holds a Lunch + Learn the 3rd Wednesday monthly, and Dementia Caregiver Support on the 1st Tuesday monthly. Call Scott for info (217) 787-9234.
- Illinois workNet is in Beardstown at Lincoln Land Community College from 9:00 - 12:00 M-F. Call Christina at (217) 323-1859 to get connected to education, trainings, work force programs, and career resources today!
- Cass County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteer training is now self-guided! Volunteers are greatly needed. Please call (217) 223-2272 for inquiries.
- West Central Child Care Connection is looking for anyone who is interested in becoming a child care provider. Know anyone who loves helping children learn and grow? Call Tina at (217) 222-2550.
- The Crisis Center Foundation in Jacksonville is happy to host a Lunch + Learn upon request. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Call Anna or Miriam at (217) 243-4357 for info.
- Jacksonville Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation is looking for volunteers! They are always out and active in the community- to get involved call Jennifer at (217) 243-6451.
- Bella Ease is now open in Jacksonville, and is now serving Cass County! See our Job Board page for details.



**Be sure to check-in
through social media to
keep up with what's up
and coming in our
communities. It's a great
way to share event
information and promote
each other's work!**

Local Job Listings

Midwest Youth Services

MYS is hiring for a number of positions including: Homeless Youth Case Manager, Youth Employment and Education Specialist, Emergency Shelter Care Staff, and Crisis Interventionist. Please see the attached flyer to the IA newsletter email for details and contact info.

West Central Mass Transit is hiring!! Call (217) 245-2900 to inquire about their open positions.

Cass County Health Department is hiring! We have open positions for a CMA, Dentist, LPN, and a Speech Therapist. Visit us online at www.cassscohealth.org or call for info today! (217) 452-3057.

U of IL Extension Office is hiring for Unit 15 – Calhoun, Cass, Greene, Morgan, and Scott Counties. Please see the attached flyer for details about this position.

The Crisis Center Foundation in Jacksonville has an open position for a Domestic Violence Advocate. Please submit a cover letter and resume to donal@jvilleccf.org to apply.

Bella Ease in Jacksonville is now open and is also hiring! Call (217) 209-0632 for info.



Interagency Member Highlight

Anna Sprague



Hi my name is Anna Sprague. I'm a Community Educator at the Crisis Center Foundation. I've worked at CCF since 2014, but I've had many titles while being here. I noticed that when I was working directly with clients that not many of them knew that CCF existed. I decided that I wanted to move my social work practice to the community setting. I love working with humans and helping them. As a social worker, I think it's super important to take care of yourself. Something I do to care for myself is take walks out in nature with my family. I also love learning about the universe.

I can be reached at (217) 243-4357 or find us on Facebook!

Next meeting:

November 15th , 2023 from 11:00 - 12:00

**Cass County Health Department
Virginia Office**

We will have a zoom option for this meeting as well. The link will be shared closer to the meeting date.



This is the official newsletter of the Cass County Interagency Coalition. Use this newsletter to stay updated on community events and opportunities to get involved. Do you have an event or idea you would like to include in the next issue? Email Hillary Kelly (hkelly@casscohealth.org) with a brief summary. All members of the coalition will receive this newsletter as it is released.

If after reading this you realize there is something you want to recommend for the community to work on let's start a discussion about it. There is always a possibility of partners to make that event happen!
Thank you all for your continued dedication!